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SUBJ: PROPERTY CLAIMS

1. ON OCTOBER 27, 1976 EMBASSY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR
AND CONSOFF MET WITH GHEORGHE NICULESCU, DIRECTOR,
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF INCOMES, PRICES AND TARIFFS,
MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ON PROPERTY CLAIMS OF DRAMBAREANU,
DELICEANU, LELUTIU, AND LENGYEL.

2. ECON COUNSELOR INITIATED CONVERSATION BY SUMMARIZING
AMBASSADOR'S VERBAL ASSURANCES FROM DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER
PATAN THAT NO ARBITRARY CEILING (I.E. 40,000 LEI) WOULD
BE IMPOSED UPON COMPENSATION PAID FOR EXPROPRIATED
PROPERTY FORMERLY BELONGING TO U.S. CITIZENS.

3. IN DISCUSSING DRAMBAREANU CASE, CERTAIN POINTS OF
CONFUSION AROSE AS IT APPEARS DRAMBAREANU HAD MADE TWO
POWERS OF ATTORNEY IN FAVOR OF HIS RELATIVES IN
ROMANIA--ONE DATED SEPTEMBER, 1975, AND A SECOND
DOCUMENT DATED MAY, 1976. IN SECOND POWER OF ATTORNEY,
DRAMBAREANU INSTRUCTED HIS RELATIVES NOT TO ACCEPT
COMPENSATION OF LESS THAN 97,155 LEI. HOWEVER, BASED
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ON THE GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY DATED SEPTEMBER, 1975

(OF WHICH EMBASSY HAS NEVER RECEIVED A COPY, ALTHOUGH THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE WAS AWARE OF IT) RELATIVES HERE HAD, ON MARCH 30, 1976, SETTLED FOR 40,000 LEI COMPENSATION. ECON COUNSELOR STATED, THAT IN ANY EVENT, MR. DRAMBAREANU FELT THAT 40,000 LEI WAS INSUFFICIENT FOR PROPERTY AND TPIT EMBASSY WAS PREPARED TO ASSIST HIM IN PRESSING A CLAIM FOR A LARGER PAYMENT ON BASIS OF DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER PATAN ASSURANCES TO AMBASSADOR.

4. WITH RESPECT TO DELICEANU CASE, NICULESCU STATED BUILDING WAS OLD AND IN POOR CONDITION. ECON COUNSELOR POINTED OUT THAT DELICEANU HAD BUYERS PREPARED TO PAY 160,000 LEI AND 12,000 LEI FOR TWO APARTMENTS IN QUESTION AND THAT EMBASSY BELIEVED THIS CONSTITUTED ESTABLISHING A FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR APARTMENTS. MR. NICULESCU REPLIED THAT ROMANIAN DEFINITION OF MARKET VALUE WAS RATHER DIFFERENT AND THAT THIS CASE, AS WELL AS DRAMBAREANU CASSIN WOULD ULTIMATELY BE REFERRED TO DEPUTY PRIME MINISTECU PATAN FOR HIS CONSIDERATION.

5. EMBOFFS THEN REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF THE PRESENT STATUS OF LELUTIU PROPERTY WHICH NICULESCU SAID WOULD BE FORTHCOMING AT AN UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

6. ON THE QUESTION OF LENGYEL'S DONATION OF HIS ONE-THIRD INTEREST IN HIS SISTERS, A MINISTRY OF FINANCE LAZERNY (WHO WAS PRESENT AT MEETING) STATED THAT A PROSPECTIVE HEIR LIVING ABROAD COULD DONATE HIS/HER INTEREST TO OTHER HEIRS LIVING IN ROMANIA BEFORE LEGAL DETERMINATION OF HEIRS AND THUS PRESERVE HIS/HER INTEREST FROM EXPROPRIATION. HOWEVER, ONCE ESTATE HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED, THE PROPERTY OR PORTION THEREOF BELONGING TO AN HEIR RESIDENT ABROAD COMES UNDER DECREE 223 AND WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY THE STATE ALTHOUGH HEIRS RESIDENT IN ROMANIA MAY THEN RE-PURCHASE IT FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

7. CONSOFF RAISED THE QUESTION OF EXPROPRIATION OF FAMILY TOMBS (HAVING HAD AN INQUIRY ALONG THESE LINES).
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WE WERE INFORMED THAT DECREE 223 DOES NOT APPLY TO TOMBS AND CEMETERIES AND THAT THESE ARE GOVERNED BY REGULATIONS OF MUNICIPALITIES IN WHICH THEY ARE LOCATED.

8. SENATORS TAFT AND GLENN INTERESTED IN LELUTIU CASE.
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